

Kremlin Says It Found Secret Soviet-Nazi Pact

MOSCOW, Feb. 27 (AP) — The Soviet Foreign Ministry has acknowledged that it has found copies of a secret Soviet-Nazi agreement that allotted parts of Eastern Europe to the Soviet Union.

In its first edition, which came out today, *Vestnik*, a new magazine published by the Foreign Ministry, showed photographs of a typewritten Russian-language copy of the "Secret Additional Protocol."

The Soviet Union has maintained that it could not find any evidence of the protocols in its archives and still says it does not have the originals.

The Soviet-German nonaggression pact was signed by Stalin's foreign minister, Vyacheslav M. Molotov, and Hitler's top diplomat, Joachim von Ribbentrop, on Aug. 23, 1939, a week before the outbreak of World War II. The pact had secret protocols that allotted the three independent Baltic nations — Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia — and parts of Poland to the Soviet Union. The protocols were the basis of Stalin's decision later to annex that territory to the Soviet Union.

Last summer, Soviet publications printed German-language copies of the protocols kept in the archives of the West German Foreign Ministry. The Baltic republics succeeded in winning Soviet Government recognition of the existence of the protocols last year.

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